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From: Fried, Gregory

**Sent:** Fri 11/17/2017 9:19:54 PM

Subject: FW: Eagle Ford

Patrick,

Just confirming that we agree with the bullets in Cheryl's email below. Dan Hoyt and I are planning to go down to Austin the first or second week of December to meet with TCEQ and R6. We can discuss the details at our weekly AED General on Wednesday.

Greg

From: Thompson, Steve

Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 11:45 AM

**To:** Fried, Gregory < Fried. Gregory@epa.gov>; Larson, Darrin < Larson. Darrin@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Eagle Ford

From: Seager, Cheryl

**Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2017 10:40 AM **To:** Traylor, Patrick < <u>traylor.patrick@epa.gov</u>>

Cc: Brooks, Phillip <Brooks.Phillip@epa.gov>; Thompson, Steve <thompson.steve@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Eagle Ford

Patrick.

After our call AED and R6 agreed to work together to come up with a OneEPA approach

moving forward. These are the goals and steps the team developed. We look forward to working with you and TCEQ to resolve these cases.		
Thanks,		
Cheryl		
Goals:		
Steps to Achieve Goals:		

From: Traylor, Patrick

Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 9:40 AM

**To:** Seager, Cheryl < Seager. Cheryl @epa.gov >; Coleman, Sam < Coleman. Sam @epa.gov >; Thompson, Steve < thompson.steve @epa.gov >; Larson, Darrin < Larson. Darrin @epa.gov >; Welton, Patricia < Welton. Patricia @epa.gov >; Barnett, Cheryl < Barnett. Cheryl @epa.gov >;

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Subject: RE: Eagle Ford

All:

As I was collecting my thoughts for today's VTC on the Eagle Ford, I wrote down some notes for myself. Once I finished them, I couldn't think of a reason why I shouldn't share them with all of you so you can gather your own thoughts along these lines. Here they are:

- We need to take a "OneEPA" approach to the investigation
  - I don't know all of the history of differing points of view between Region 6 and headquarters. All I can say is that I'm observing that we seem to be pushing against each other rather than pulling with each other.
  - A failure to act in a unified way will create confusion and uncertainty at TCEQ and within the regulated community; that undermines our joint credibility, legitimacy, and influence.
  - O So I've asked that all get together with the intention to get us to pull in the same direction and make some initial joint decisions that will advance the goal of compliance at these facilities.



•	Next	steps
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- O Who will be the joint leads from Region 6 and AED on these cases?
- O To whom does the team elevate differences in points of view so that we keep a OneEPA focus?
- O Convene a meeting between Region 6 and AED to develop a work plan for the matter.
- Oconvene a meeting with TCEQ (in Austin?) to discuss the cases. At the very least, the meeting will signal to our state partner EPA's openness to continued partnership (following up on Vopak, for example) with the state, and will in the end result in the kind of clarity we need to make decisions on how to move forward with the cases.

Best,

Patrick

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From: Seager, Cheryl

Sent: Thursday, November 2, 2017 4:56 PM

To: Seager, Cheryl; Coleman, Sam; Thompson, Steve; Larson, Darrin; Welton, Patricia; Barnett,

Cheryl; Traylor, Patrick; Brooks, Phillip

Cc: Chapman, Apple; Payne, James; Starfield, Lawrence

Subject: Eagle Ford

When: Monday, November 6, 2017 10:15 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US &

Canada).

Where: 9th floor division conference room